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In this world of
UNCERTAINTY
where do you turn?

These are uncertain times. The fear that many people have today is rivaling the levels that followed the 9/11 tragedy. Some are worried about losing their jobs and their homes. All of us have lost significant amounts of 401K retirement and investment money. The world is filled with ever-growing tension and war. President Obama recently signed a massive spending bill into law that no one can promise will do anything but ensure that we'll have even more debt for the next generation. And this story is playing out all over the world.

Is there anything **certain** we can trust in times like these?

There is. God is still in control! And He allows times like these to keep us from depending on temporary and fleeting things, and to remind us to examine our lives for what really matters most. He wants us to depend on Him and His promises; promises we can "take to the bank".

On Easter we're beginning a series entitled, **"Things You Can Take To The Bank"** that will remind us again of what is eternal and reliable in these uncertain times. We'll begin by looking at how Easter "wiped our slates clean". Other messages are listed on the back page of the newsletter.

What are you "banking on" these days? This series will help you remember what counts—and what you can count on—in uncertain times. That's a message everyone needs to hear in these downcast and depressing days.

So why not invite friends, family, coworkers and neighbors to church for this series? Even skeptics who struggle with doubts about Christianity will find clearly explained answers they can chew on. We'll put our best foot forward with services that have relevance, meaning and take-home value.

Easter is the best day to ask friends to attend church with you...if you invite them early enough. And don't miss the Good Friday service (7pm), one the most powerful we hold each year.

Certain of God's faithfulness,
Pastor Vince

Vince



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LC2 Building Groundbreaking

Wow! The *Finishing The Work* campaign held last Fall at Lakeshore was a tremendous success. The stories of generosity were incredible. The amount of prayer was at an all-time high. The excitement over all that God did was contagious. And as a result, \$1,350,000 was pledged to "FTW" allowing us to build the *Lakeshore Community Center*. So far, campaign giving is just slightly behind budget. Nevertheless, generous gifts are coming in as we prepare to build the LC2 in the coming weeks.

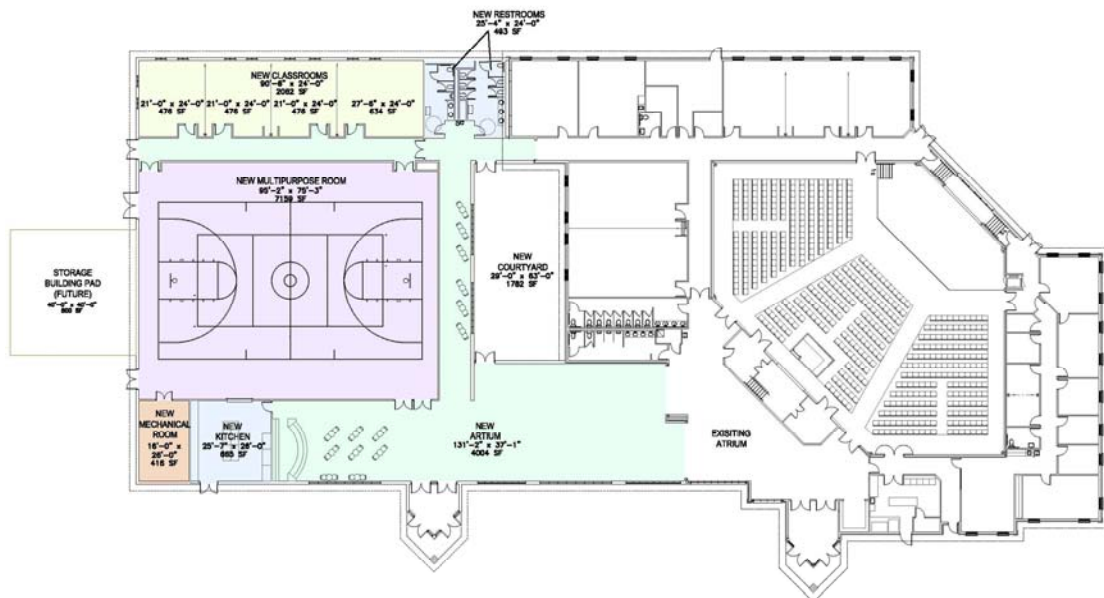
The building plans are being finalized in March, and by early to mid April we should have a building permit from the town to begin construction, which should last about 6 months. Barring the unforeseen, we should be in the LC2 by October.

Between now and then there are two events for you to consider:

We will hold a **ground-breaking event** after each service some Sunday in April. We'll keep you posted at church.

Sometime in May, we will be presenting the church with **bond investment opportunities**. Our bond company, *Reves Leavell*, will be at Lakeshore to explain how you can invest in reliable return bonds that will help provide a safe investment for you and help the church save money...the classic double-win. Again, when the date is set, we'll let you know.

Keep the LC2 building project in your prayers. And thanks for your generosity to the *Finishing The Work* campaign.



The Friendship Company

The Friend Ship Company – We're Sailing with God!

Things are "hopping" in the Children's Ministry.

On Sunday, March 1st, 12 of our Friend Ship Company kids made first-time faith commitments to Christ!! Praise the Lord!

We're looking forward to our Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 11th at 11AM for kids 2 to 12. Start praying for lovely weather!

Every Sunday and Common Ground Thursday, a group of volunteers works hard to provide a terrific program that your kids will enjoy and want to return to. Both the Friend Ship Company and the Kids' CAFÉ need more volunteers. We invite you to join us in doing God's joyful work!

Please be sure to pick up a "Parent Link" newsletter in any of the Friend Ship Company classrooms. It's full of useful information on parenting and the latest trends.

The Children's Ministry guides our children towards God through worshipping, learning and growing together.

Family Corner:

A Place for Kids and Their Families Theme: Easter Hope

*Lord, I wait for you to help me.
Lord my God, I know you will answer.
-Psalm 38:15 (NIV)*

King David wrote Psalm 38 before Jesus came to earth. How did the Lord answer David's prayer?

On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead! He helped us by dying in our place.

That means that Jesus can help us.

We can be hopeful if we wait for Jesus to answer our prayers.

For Family Discussion:

How can we be hopeful, even when we're sad or upset?

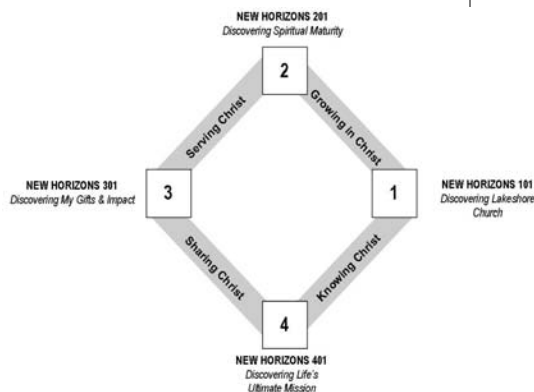
How do we pray or talk to God?



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want to hear from you! Let us
know what your teams are
doing. Send us an e-mail at





New Horizons Seminars

The Logical Place to Start

Continue your spiritual growth at Lakeshore by attending the four New Horizon classes, known as New Horizons 101, followed by 201, 301 and finally, 401.

New Horizons 101 (Discovering Lakeshore Community Church) teaches the values and vision of the church and discusses the membership process.

New Horizons 201 (Discovering Spiritual Maturity) helps you learn and develop the habits that lead to spiritual maturity.

New Horizons 301 (Discovering My Gifts and Impact) is designed to help you identify your spiritual gifts and S.H.A.P.E. so that you can find meaningful and fulfilling place of service at Lakeshore.

New Horizons 401 (Discovering Life's Ultimate Mission) explores methods to effectively share our faith with others and teaches the importance of supporting others who are sharing their faith around the world.

The turn out for the March seminars was impressive. This is the first time that New Horizons 401 had the largest attendance, followed in reverse order by 301, 201 and 101. Lakeshore members are being developed spiritually at an inspiring rate and many are completing all four sessions.

Pastor Vince usually teaches NH 101 himself and since he and his wife Sue founded Lakeshore, who better to talk about Lakeshore's church's history? This is a fun and enlightening introduction to Lakeshore Community Church.

Josh Shepanski has returned to Rochester after a stint in the Navy and though quite spiritually mature for a young man, he has just started his New Horizons journey. Josh feels that the New Horizons classes provide a "welcome, comfortable introduction to Lakeshore" and "open doors to newcomers" that offer insight into opportunities for growth and participation at Lakeshore.

Turan Erdogan has served an elder and can be seen on stage with the drama team or giving the Sunday message. He also teaches NH 201 and keeps the class on their toes. He promised me a thirty second sound-bite but was so excited about NH 201 that he offered much more!

New Horizons 201, says Turan, teaches that "we were never meant to stand still once we become Christians; God wants to continue to grow us spiritually." You won't be on your own, as NH 201 helps you develop key "habits" regular quiet time with God, giving to God and building relationships through Lakeshore groups.

Do you desire to be more involved more to Lakeshore ministries but aren't sure how or where you can participate? New Horizons 301 identifies your gifts and helps you develop and apply them in service to our ministry teams. The class materials include a spiritual gift discovery guide and personality profile that assist in the discovery of your talents and abilities.

Brian Hartman describes NH 301 as the time to start "thinking outward." NH 101 and 201 develop us "inwardly" or personally, but after completing NH 301 and 401 you will look for opportunities to serve and share your faith.

Youth Pastor Cory Hunneyman and his wife Shanna are working their way through NH seminars. They discovered that NH 301 leaders Andy Mitchell and Bob Brinthaup have *their* own unique gifts of teaching and make an effective team. Shanna says it's great that Lakeshore values and nurtures creativity" and Cory, though it was "news to him", discovered that creativity was among *his* gifts. As a pastor, Cory appreciates the growth opportunities provided by New Horizons and encourages all Lakeshore people to attend.

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New Horizons Seminars.....cont

Ray Kaforey has great technical skills and as the web master for Lakeshore's Men's Ministry, New Men In Christ, developed a web site by using his creativity and feels that "New Horizons energized and focused him."

New Horizons 401 is the culmination of the series and is taught by Mike Fragassi and Dan Kilker. Mike is a leader of New Men In Christ where Lakeshore's men regularly proclaim the need to "get outside our comfort zone." Sharing your faith is a challenge for the new Christian and the four NH classes prepare you for this mission. Mike reminds us that "the soapbox on the corner" isn't for everyone and NH 401 emphasizes the "good news" method of faith sharing. He offered this number: 90% of people who come to Christ due so as a result of relational evangelism.

Kathy and Jim Shepanski are long-time Lakeshore members who took the first three NH seminars years ago, and recently were able to complete 401 after 13 years! Persistence pays off and they view New Horizons as a great investment in their walk with God.

Heather and Ray Hardaway have also hit a new Horizons "home run," by completing all four seminars. Heather learned that evangelism "is not necessarily banging on doors".

Ray's NH 401 experience inspired him to create a "statement of faith" that he has published on his Face Book page to share with his friends, especially those that are not familiar with his spiritual side. This is a means of accountability and Ray hopes that if his friends see him acting in a non-Biblical manner "call me on it!"

For more information on New Horizons seminars visit www.lakeshorechurch.org and click on the "Resources" tab. The New Horizons classes will also be publicized in the weekly programs.



Have a thought to share?

Want to respond to something you read in one of our articles? Please tell us about it!

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Women's Connection at Lakeshore

First Meeting of 2009!

By Janice Entz

The first meeting of 2009 was held on January 24 here at Lakeshore. We started with a time of worship led by Kathy Falzone and MaryJo Fragassi in the company of 28 Lakeshore ladies.

The topic of discussion was *Let There Be Light*, a DVD presentation featuring Patsy Clairmont of *Women of Faith*, facilitated by our own Jean Henderson and based on the scripture reading Luke 13:10-13. Ms. Clairmont has an intense sense of humor and helped us look at the aspects of this woman's life. She had infirmity, being crippled for 18 years. She had hope when she saw Jesus. He expanded her view by calling her forward and healing her in the synagogue on the Sabbath, and His healing was immediate. She straightened up and praised God!



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Thank you for your
contributing articles.

More Than a Glance



We've all passed by them numerous times: they stand at the street corner, cardboard signs in hand, asking for help. We speculate how they got there.....we avoid eye contact.....we try to act preoccupied...all while obsessively staring at the stoplight and yearning inside to be released from this torture. We know there are hungry people in our world...starving people who *really* know what hunger is. And in response many times we offer the very same thing as this familiar scene: a noncommittal glance.

I'm so glad that Jesus gave us more than a glance. He saw our need, took on our messiness, paid our penalty, and conquered the tomb! He blew the glance away, got His hands dirty, and met our deepest need!

As we in Ignite Student Ministries prepare for the Easter season and an incredibly exciting spring, we're kicking off a new Thursday night series titled "More Than a Glance". We have a responsibility to go beyond the glance, and during this series we'll be unpacking what that glance really looks like, and how we can practically do more.

Thursday, March 19th – "Seeing the Majority"
Thursday, March 26th – "Moving Into Action"

ISM is here every Thursday night from 6:30-8:30pm for all students 6th thru 12th grade, complete with ping-pong, air hockey, Madden, video games, worship, drama, life challenging messages, videos, discussion groups, and real relationships in an atmosphere of genuine care. We hope that you'll join us for this important series, and even better, that you'll take a step beyond the glance and join us for this year's 30 Hour Famine as we together seek to raise thousands of dollars to fight the war on hunger! Let's give *more than a glance*!

Pastor Cory



Music at Lakeshore Community Church

Music Team Brunch and Learn

By Paul Clark

Lakeshore's Music Team is a community of dedicated artists who create a musical backdrop for LCC's Sunday morning services and Common Ground Mid-week service, as well as special events held at LCC.

Our musicians and vocalists continually strive to develop musically and spiritually. One way we do that is by holding quarterly "brunch and learn" sessions.

At the recent B&L, Music and Programming Pastor Frank Deluccio welcomed several new members to the team; Dan Robillard (guitar), Ray Hardaway (vocalist), Nancy and John Klotz (trumpet and vocalist, respectively). We warmly welcomed vocalist Heather Miller back from maternity leave. After devotions, news and prayer, we broke off for three workshops.

Musical EKG: Understanding the Heartbeat of a Song - Dan Roelle

This workshop was not just for drummers. It was designed for vocalists and instrumentalist who want to better understand the heartbeat of a song. In this hands-on workshop Lakeshore musicians learned about the anatomy of drum kit, rhythm, notational theory and how to place the heartbeat of a song into the hands of a worshipper. One exercise really made us appreciate how much work a drummer is doing. Several people each took one part of the drum kit and played a basic drum beat that the drummer would be playing by himself. All four limbs moving at one time...impressive!

Build-a-Song Workshop - Jerry Falzone

This workshop took us through a proven song writing process that starts with conceptualizing a song idea, finding lyrics that work and are biblically accurate, and putting it all together with music. We put this into practice by actually building a song together. Can we build it? Yes we can! This workshop has already developed two songs that I bet will be heard at a future lakeshore service.

Music Team Makeover: Cyber Edition - Paul Clark

A "focus group" that explored ways to better serve our web site audience. Our site can be an "intranet" tool for Music Team members that offers new methods of information sharing, as well as provide music resources for Lakeshore members and information for "church shoppers" curious about our music. Surveys show that more people are using the Internet as they look for a church to attend. We discussed concepts such as calendars, links, article ideas, play lists, and "asong stories."

For more information, click on the music team link on the Ministry page of the main Lakeshore site or check out the Music Team ministry site at <http://musicteam.lakeshorechurch.org/>

The Brunch & Learn sessions are always enjoyable and informative, plus, they are an opportunity for Lakeshore musicians to spend time together as they develop their musical gifts.



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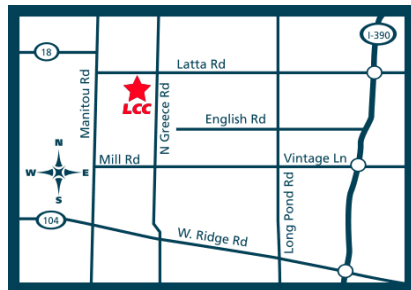




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SUNDAY SERVICES

Things You Can Take To The Bank

April 12 Easter Wiped Our Slaters Clean
April 19 Bad Things Aren't Always Bad
April 26 Bible Prophecy Is Battling 1000
May 3 Evolutionary Theory Is Losing Ground
May 10 Mothers Are Marvelous
May 17 We're Only Here For A Little While

I Think I Married The Wrong Person

May 24 What Makes A Marriage Thrive?
May 31 Surviving A Marital Mismatch
June 7 How To Be Single And Satisfied
June 14 What Women Wish Men Knew
June 21 What Men Wish Women Knew
June 28 Marathon Marriages

COMMON GROUND MIDWEEK SERVICE

April 10 Good Friday service (7pm)

HEBREWS: OUR SUPERIOR SAVIOR

April 2 Baptism Celebration Service
April 16 God Said It, That Settles It (6:13-20)
May 7 Nat'l Day Of Prayer at Greece Assembly of God
May 21 The Perfect Permanent Priest (7:1-28)
June 4 The New Covenant: From Law To Life (8:1-13)
June 18 Touring The True Tabernacle (9:1-28)
July 2 Jesus' Sacrifice: Once For All (10:1-18)
July 16 Persevering In The Faith (10:19-39)
July 30 God's Hall Of Faith, part 1 (11:1-31)
Aug 20 God's Hall Of Faith, part 2 (11:32-40)